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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: AFRICA

1. "AFRICAN COUNTRIES OPPOSED TO IMPORTED IDEOLOGIES HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO UNITE AND FIGHT THE COMMON ENEMY": (THE SOVIET-CUBAN ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE AFRICA) SAYS A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA MAY 25. THE EDITORIAL NOTES THAT SINCE THE 1960'S WHEN MOST OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES BECAME INDEPENDENT, THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. INSTEAD, CONTINUES COMMENTARY, "THE SOVIET-UNION HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ALL THE BLOODY CONFLICTS IN AFRICA", WHILE ADDING THAT IT IS, IN FACT, THE SOVIETS WHO--BY PROVIDING ARMS AND ENCOURAGING ARMED STRUGGLES--CAUSED EFFORTS AT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS TO FAIL IN THE OGADEN, CHAD AND WESTERN SAHARA. THE EDITORIAL SAYS THAT IT IS ALSO THE SOVIET-CUBAN COALITION THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HORRIBLE KOLWEZI MASSACRES.

2. THE COMMENTARY INDICATES THE SOVIETS HOPE TO USE ANGOLA AS A BASE IN ACHIEVING THEIR EXPANSIONIST AIMS AND DEPLORES THE FACT THAT THE WEST HAS DONE NOTHING TO COUNTER THE GROWING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA.

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3. THE EDITORIAL CLOSES BY INDICATING THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S ADDRESS DURING THE RECENT FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT IN PARIS CONSTITUTES A CALL ON THE CONSCIENCE OF FREE AND PEACE LOVING PEOPLES TO CONDEMN THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE BLOODY SOVIET-CUBAN COLAITION. ITEM  
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